

## **Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission**

October 18, 2016

7:30 PM Conference 4/5  
Government Center  
12000 Government Center Pkwy.  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Callender, Fee,  
Kirk, Kazmi, Roark, Rosier, Woodruff

Absent:

Commissioners: Gulakowski, Hargraves, Hine,  
Nguyen

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director  
Cable and Consumer Services  
Rebecca Makely, Director  
Consumer Services Division  
Susan Hafeli, Senior Utilities Analyst  
Public Utilities Branch  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief  
Consumer Affairs

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Fee.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for September 20, 2016, meeting were approved.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Fee attended the Board of Supervisors meeting for the approval of Chapter 33 Pawnbrokers and Precious Metals and Gems Dealers.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Liberman spoke about the reorganization within the Department of Cable and Consumer Services. Rebecca Makely was named Director of Consumer Services Division. The Division is comprised of the Consumer Affairs Branch, Regulation and Licensing Branch, Meeting Space Management and Event Support, and Accounting and Finance Branch.

### **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Woodruff had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Rosier had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Callender had no matters to bring before the commission.

### **Old Business**

Susan Hafeli, Senior Utilities Analyst, Public Utilities Branch, discussed staff action since the CPC's September 20 public hearing on revisions to Chapter 84.1. Ms. Hafeli explained the revised chapter includes the commission's three amendments, but was not revised to add language regarding non-discrimination because that is already addressed in the county's Human Rights Ordinance, Fairfax County Code, Chapter 11. In addition, Ms. Hafeli explained two additional revisions consistent with maximum pricing and the introduction of GPS metering that staff made following the public hearing. Ms. Hafeli also addressed staff's October 4 presentation to the Board's Transportation Committee, which highlighted several operational revisions and discussed proposals both to eliminate a cap on taxicab certificates and to reauthorize all certificates. She also summarized the Board's discussion following the presentation.

A discussion ensued on taxicab rooftop lighting and public displays of availability, wheelchair availability, discrimination, possible driver refusal, Uber vehicle identification, pricing restriction on county and public school contracts, and the flexibility of TNCs.

Susan Hafeli advised the commission that paperwork was submitted by Spencer Kimball on the purchase of Paul Wallace Management (Springfield Yellow Cab) and the transfer of taxicab certificates. At the November 2016 meeting staff will ask the commission to approve the advertisement for a public hearing on this matter.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 8:23 PM.